

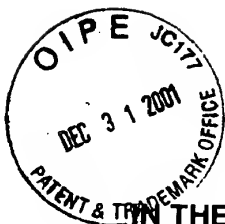


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>PNET.009D</b>		
Applicant(s): <b>Tsukasa YAJIMA</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/768,271</b>	Filing Date <b>January 25, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>A. Mai</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2814</b>		
Invention: <b>SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING PROTECTIVE LAYER ON FIELD OXIDE</b>					
 <b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: December 31, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The following replacement claims are respectfully submitted:

6. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:  
first and second gates formed on active regions of a substrate;  
a field oxide formed on the substrate between said first and second gates;